

Greetings,

My name is Cody Swearingen, I am a member within the Firestop and Containment community.

I would like to share my support of House Bill 2234. The importance of properly applied and installed passive fire protection systems is paramount to the overall effectiveness of the lives of residents living in wildfire hot spots. This meaningful act will help ensure safety to the lives of Oregon's residents who occupy the spectrum of buildings and dwellings every day across the state.

Newly constructed buildings are required to have properly installed firestop systems before the building can be occupied. Structures built within the hot spot areas for wildfires find that it is so very important that these systems be accurately installed to provide ample containment of smoke and fire. The accurate installation of the Firestop systems affords slowing the spread of smoke and fire providing essential time needed to evacuate the occupants of buildings that catch fire. The precise installation of firestop systems helps first responders save lives and minimize the damage to a structure by providing the necessary time needed to mitigate the unfortunate circumstance.

The precise and exact installation of Firestop Life Safety Systems present time for medical staff to escort patients who are incapable of mobility out of hospitals in the event of a fire. It provides time for teachers to escort children out of schools in the event of a fire. It offers firefighters crucial time needed to evacuate residents in the event of a fire.

It is crucial that firestop systems are installed accurately by a licensed professional to help ensure the integrity needed to safeguard these applications operate properly.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Cody Swearingen